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Subject: Need technical and legal review of DRAFT response to TCRA questions
Date: Thursday, January 24, 2013 4:39:41 PM

Yes, I think TDSH would be better suited to answer Qs 5 and 9. from my perspective: #5, I have no idea. The 1000 ppt was once also EPA's number. I guess TDHS hasn't caught up with our new number yet. True that some states are much more stringent, but some are less so. #9, to the best of my knowledge, TDHS is not doing any risk assessment stuff, but they have been asked to do an epidemiological study. Drinking water would be handled by local municipalities and TCEQ. Fish consumption risk stuff has been taken care of by the Fish Advisories... at least in part.

-----Valmichael Leos/R6/USEPA/US wrote: -----

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Date: 01/22/2013 03:39PM
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Gary / Anne,

Please review the following DRAFT document. Gary please all the questions, especially #1, #2, and #6. Also, do we need Phil to chime in on question #5 and #9 or are these questions more appropriately answered by the Texas Department of State Health Services which may have more direct authority?


Anne,

Please chime in on questions #4, and #7 specifically.

(See attached file: *CommunityQuestions.docx*)

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<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/complaints/index.html>

 Garyg Miller---01/16/2013 11:30:12 AM---Valmichael, Can you take a stab at answering the TCRA type questions below? These would wind up on


From: Garyg Miller/R6/USEPA/US
To: Valmichael Leos/R6/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/16/2013 11:30 AM
Subject: Re: FW: SAN JACINTO RIVER MEETING!-Notes and Q&As

Valmichael,

Can you take a stab at answering the TCRA type questions below? These would wind up on the FAQ section of our web page.

Thanks,

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 "Scott Jones" ---01/16/2013 11:17:05 AM---Hi Donn and Gary- Can y'all address and post appropriate FAQs based on what Ramonia Williams

From: "Scott Jones" <sjones@galvbay.org>
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Date: 01/16/2013 11:17 AM
Subject: FW: SAN JACINTO RIVER MEETING!-Notes and Q&As

Hi Donn and Gary-

Can y'all address and post appropriate FAQs based on what Ramonia Williams sent below after the Nov. 15th meeting? I think it will help the situation if they are addressed one way or the other. Please let me know if you think that can happen before the TAG meeting.

Thanks-
Scott

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Subject: Re: SAN JACINTO RIVER MEETING!-Notes and Q&As

To the Email Recipients

During the meeting, I do not know if anyone was taking notes. I attempted to capture the Q&As to better share with my husband Eddie and even with my church and neighbors. Please review below and feel free to email your corrections, additions or comments.

Does anyone know if the local newspaper will be printing updates from this meeting to share with the community? I will check the websites to determine if questions from the comment cards have been posted.

Questions:

1. Based on the direct area of the Cap, are there any concerns of the tugboat activity creating unsuspecting problems such as subsiding?
2. Does the EPA have any future concerns for subsiding in the immediate area of the Cap?
3. When will the responsible party respond regarding the Cap assessment?
4. Why was the responsible party controlling the design and construction of the Cap?
5. Why does TDHS allow more dioxin (1000 per trillion) than other states for residential exposure?
6. Why is the objective or purpose of the Cap in place to get to a solution in 7 to 10 years when clean-up should be more immediate?
7. Can EPA do the clean-up directly? Under what conditions?
8. Why is not one of immediate solutions to.....build a bulkhead surrounding the cap, dig out the dioxins, transport to a designated site contained area and not waste time in preliminary studies, cap assessments, etc? The longer the wait for clean-up the greater the health risk?
9. Is Health and Human services determining the immediate risk of residents of the drinking water, fish consumption and direct exposure of dioxin for swimmers,

fishermen, etc in the immediate Highlands community?

Pam and Jackie, please send me your questions at your earliest convenience. Lisa, thank you for your comments.....well said.

Sarah and Mike, is there a planned meeting and if so can you share what you feel is next steps?

Thanks in advance to your time and responses.
Ramonia

Ramonia Williams

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Subject: SAN JACINTO RIVER MEETING!

This is a reminder of the SJR meeting - called by the EPA - THIS THURSDAY!! It is one of those meetings where it is important for all of us to attend - even more important than a football game! ;) Hope to see you ALL there!

Sarah Davis

The next EPA Community Meeting for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits site will be

conducted **Thursday, November 15, 2012,**
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the
Highlands, Texas Community Center, 604
Highlands Woods Drive. The meeting will
update citizens on current site activities and
issues.

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